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Memorandum

TO : AF - Governor Williams

DATE: March 18, 1965

FROM : AFN - David D. Newsom

SUBJECT: Libya - Future U.S. Assistance

Mr. Hutchinson, the AID Assistant Administrator for Africa, has transmitted to you a memorandum of comments on Ambassador Lightner's February 6 letter concerning future AID assistance to Libya. His memorandum is in response to yours to him of March 1. Mr. Hutchinson's memorandum accepts several of the suggestions in Ambassador Lightner's letter, including:

1. Participant Training - A field in which AID has agreed that the American University in Beirut should provide five scholarships for Libyans in the 1965-66 school year and possibly additional scholarships. Furthermore, the Embassy will be able to draw on regionally funded, AID-sponsored programs (ASPAU/AFGRAD). We hope and anticipate that this will meet the Embassy's needs with respect to participant training in the United States.

2. Controller and Local Training Officer - AID accepts the Embassy's request that the Controller remain until November 1; however, they do not believe that it will be necessary to continue the training officer that long but will consider his remaining for one or two months after June 30, 1965. Mr. Hutchinson's memorandum does not comment on the Ambassador's request that Henry Heuser, the AID Representative, continue for five months after June 30, 1965. This matter presumably will be worked out later and will be explored during Heuser's expected consultations in the Department next month.

3. Contract Personnel - Mr. Hutchinson's memorandum says that AID will be prepared to consider the need for the US to fund one or two key advisors when the specific types are identified. He notes, however, that the three possible candidates among the present advisors have current contracts which run until April 1966 or August 1966, so the question of funds to continue them does not need to be considered by AID at this time.

If you wish to do so, there will be an opportunity to discuss the future of the AID program further with Mr. Hutchinson when Henry Heuser returns for consultation.

Attachment: Mr. Hutchinson's Memorandum.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable G. Mennen Williams
Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs
Department of State

SUBJECT: Libya - Future U.S. Assistance

Your memorandum of March 1 forwarded and requested consideration of Ambassador Lightner's letter of February 6. You asked that priority attention be given to the particular problem of continuing a participant training program for the 1965-66 school year to avoid an hiatus in that program. Described below is the action already taken on the participant training matter, together with our comments concerning each of the other items discussed in the Ambassador's letter.

1. Participant Training - Attached is a copy of a Joint State/AID message to Tripoli of March 4 pointing out that available FY 1965 funds should be used for any 1965-66 participant training needs which cannot be met from the regionally-funded AUB and ASPAU/AFGRAD scholarship programs. Five AUB scholarships for the 1965-66 school year are already arranged and we have requested AUB to explore possible additions. The AUB program will be available to Embassy Tripoli in future years, as will the ASPAU/AFGRAD programs administered for AID by the African American Institute (AAI). AAI has arranged a March visit to Tripoli by a member of its staff to determine the possibilities for ASPAU/AFGRAD scholarships beginning in the 1965-66 school year.

2. Controller and Local Training Officer - Ambassador Lightner recommends that these employees be continued by AID until November 1, 1965 and June 30, 1966 respectively. We always have proceeded on the assumption that the Controller would be needed in Tripoli beyond June 30, 1965 to handle wind-up activities. The proposed November 1 date appears reasonable and we will so advise Embassy Tripoli.

We do not believe that the retention of the local-hire training officer is justified for the length of time proposed, however. As indicated in the foregoing discussion on participant training the selection of Libyans for the 1965-66 school year may proceed immediately and the training financed with FY 1965 funds. The process should be virtually completed by June 30, 1965. We will discuss this with the Embassy and if there are matters which the Controller cannot handle between June 30 and the time any Libyan participants would depart for the U.S. in August 1965, we would consider continuing the training officer for one to two months after June 30, 1965. We understand that the Ambassador has requested that an Embassy position be established for the Training Officer to handle all training programs and youth activities.

3. Retention of Direct-Hire Agricultural Advisor (Brown) - Our understanding concerning a possible contingency requirement in FY 1966 for three or four key advisors did not envisage the use of direct-hire AID personnel. Embassy Tripoli has been informed several times of our willingness to move quickly upon the Embassy's request to recruit a contract replacement for Lindsey A. Brown, who is scheduled to depart in May 1965. The attached Joint State/AID message of March 4 to Tripoli restated our position on these points. The Embassy subsequently requested us in TOAID 197 of March 9 to explore the possibility of Brown's being seconded by AID to FAO for continued duty in Libya. We are exploring this approach.

4. Contract Personnel - The Ambassador identifies three present contract advisors (Civil Aviation Advisor, Senior Statistician and Civil Service) as possible candidates for continuation if the Libyan Government so requests. Immediate consideration is not required in these cases, since the Civil Aviation Advisor's contract is funded to April 1966 and the other two to August 1966. The Ambassador indicates that additional key advisors probably would not exceed two in number. We, of course, are prepared to consider the need for the U.S. to fund such advisors when the specific types are identified.

Sincerely,

Edmond C. Hutchinson
Assistant Administrator for Africa

Attachments